



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 99% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

S.B. 234 "An Act Establishing a PILOT Program for Curbside Food Waste Collection Used in Anaerobic Digesters."

CCM supports S.B. 234.

S.B. 234 establishes a PILOT program within three municipalities to facilitate the reuse of home-generated food waste and anaerobic food digesters in the state.

CCM supports this measure as a creative alternative to managing food waste in the state. It is no secret that municipalities are finding it increasingly more expensive to manage the solid waste stream. Not only will this PILOT help to remove food waste from the main waste stream, it will reduce solid waste disposal rates for towns and cities and support the success of a new anaerobic digester industry in the state.

It is unclear however how the three municipalities will be selected. CCM would recommend a prescriptive process be outlined.

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